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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: : Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- November 1986

I. GENERAL

A. The Deed of Sale for the house for our new editor was signed by the Embassy GSO on 3 December. Although the contract calls for occupancy on 1 January 1987, the occupants vacated on 5 December, and repairs and modifications, such as the guardhouse and wiring upgrade, should commence within a few days. With any luck, [] will be in the house before Christmas.

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B. On 29 November, the Swaziland Water and Sewerage Board announced severe water rationing measures, which were scheduled to take effect on 8 December. Bureau personnel began preparations to deal with the system, which was to have restricted water usage to 0600-0900 and 1800-2100 daily. Fortunately, the Natural Resources Ministry canceled the restriction order on 3 December, but left open the possibility of future measures.

✓ C. The first major electrical storm of the season hit Mbabane and the bureau on the evening of 3 December. The brief but spectacular storm wreaked havoc with bureau equipment, knocking out the Fredrick tape reader, a multicoupler and several other pieces of equipment at the remote antenna site. A bolt of lightning came through the communications equipment, sending the two teletypists scurrying for the safety of the editorial room. Fortunately no one was injured.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The aftermath of the death of Mozambican President Samora Machel in a plane crash in South Africa on 20 October continued to dominate the political scene in southern Africa. On 6 November, RSA Foreign Minister Pik Botha announced that documents found in the wreck of Machel's plane indicated that Mozambique and Zimbabwe were plotting to subvert the Malawian Government because of Malawi's alleged support for Mozambican rebels. Both Mozambique and Zimbabwe denied the accusation.

2. Meanwhile, the joint RSA-Mozambique-USSR commission investigating the cause of the crash of Machel's plane reached an agreement on decoding the "black box" flight voice and data recorders.

3. New Mozambican President Chissano continued to consolidate his authority, receiving a pledge of loyalty from the armed forces. He also accused both Malawi and the RSA of supporting the MNR rebels fighting to overthrow his government.

4. Indications increased that the RSA was considering retaliation against one or more of the Frontline States. RSA Defense Minister Malan warned Zimbabwe of unspecified "consequences" if it continued its media campaign accusing the RSA of complicity in Machel's death. Then on 20 November the South African Army commander claimed that Botswana was allowing ANC terrorists to operate from its territory and "reserved the right" to strike terrorists "wherever they hide."

5. New U.S. Ambassador Edward Perkins arrived in South Africa on 18 November amid worsening relations between the two countries sparked by the RSA's refusal to grant a visa to an AID official. The official was to visit the RSA to complete a survey of starvation and malnutrition in the black homelands, which Foreign Minister Pieter Botha condemned as interference in the RSA's internal affairs. Three days later Prime Minister P.W. Botha also condemned the U.S. "sanctimonious behavior" in a very strongly worded statement.

B. Technical

At the suggestion of Engineer [] the monitorial section chiefs reorganized the system for utilizing audio recording tapes, reducing tape usage by 50 cassettes per day.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. In a ceremony on 3 December, the bureau chief presented promotions to editor [] and technician [] and a QSI to Portuguese monitor []. He also presented the bureau, on behalf of the Director and Chief of Operations, with a Meritorious Unit Citation. Bureau personnel celebrated with cake and champagne, and each received a T-shirt commemorating the award.

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2. The bureau now has three new drivers. One former driver was purloined by the Ambassador to be his personal driver, and a second was released after a dispute with the agency which provides the contract drivers. A third part-time driver was added to cover the extra weekend shifts.

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bureau chief B
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IV. VISITS

On 12 November, Mike Carter, the RSO for Swaziland, Botswana, and Lesotho visited the bureau for a familiarization tour and discussion of security issues and concerns. No special problems were found.



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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

Swaziland Bureau Production Report for NOVEMBER 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	389980
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	27150
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	952

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	5715.00 min.	11310.00 min.	139.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	20270		
Luanda ANGOP in English		0	
Luanda ANGOP in French		0	
Luanda ANGOP in Spanish		0	

BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	3730		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	800		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	0		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0		
(Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola	0		
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa		330	
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		150	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa		1180	
LESOTHO			
Maseru Domestic Service in English	1800		
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho	0		
Maseru MOCHOCHONONO in seSotho			0
Maseru NATION in English			0
Maseru THE COMET in English			0
MADAGASCAR			
Antanjanarivo Domestic Service in French	0		
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	830		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0
Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in English			0
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	34650		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	8180		
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			0
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			0
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			0
NAMIBIA			
Windhoek Domestic Service in Afrikaans	0		
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			0

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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans		0
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English		1000
Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English		0

SENEGAL

Dakar PANA in English	24080	
Dakar PANA in French	480	

SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg International Service in English	7310	
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	980	
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	17630	
Johannesburg Television Service in English and Afrikaans	1200	
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	9050	
Johannesburg Television in English	9020	
Umtata Capital Radio in English	9890	
Johannesburg SAPA in English		135160
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans		0
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English		1530
Durban ILANGA in Zulu		0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans		0
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English		940
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English		0
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese		0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans		0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English		1270

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Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English		5900
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English		940
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English		600
Johannesburg THE STAR in English		1180
Johannesburg WEEKLY MAIL in English		7930
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers		51690

SWAZILAND

Mbabane Domestic Service in English	180	
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	0	
Mbabane Television in English	0	
Mbabane Television in siSwati	0	
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English		0
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English		0
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English		400

UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in English	8780	
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USSR

Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0	
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	1140	
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa	520	
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	0	

ZAMBIA

Lusaka Domestic Service in English	2140	
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Lusaka Radio Freedom in English	0		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia English	760		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in English			0
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Domestic Service in English	10180		
Harare Domestic Service in English	0		
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	0		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			1210
Harare THE HERALD in English			3480
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			1490